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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND.]

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Lord of all life, You have shown us that a great life is an accumulation of days lived to the fullest, one at a time, by Your grace and for Your glory. Thank You for the strength and vitality that surge within us when we open the floodgates of our minds and hearts and allow Your Spirit to empower us. When we invite You to be the unseen but enabling Presence in everything, we experience greater creativity, we think more clearly, we speak more lucidly, and we accomplish more with less strain and stress.

Make us so secure in Your love, Lord, that we live this day with more concern for the future of our Nation than for the future of our careers, with more concern for our success together than for personal success, and with more dedication to honest debate with civility than to winning arguments. We commit ourselves to press on with crucial issues on the agenda. Give us a renewed sense of our calling to serve You and a deeper trust in Your faithfulness to give us exactly what we need in each hour. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, the Senator from Mississippi is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, at the request of the majority leader, I am pleased to advise all Senators of the schedule of legislative business for today's session of the Senate. This morn-

ing, between now and 11:30 a.m., the Senate will debate the motion to proceed to the missile defense bill. Following that debate, the Senate will proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the missile defense bill. And following that vote, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 1244, the charitable contributions bill, under a short time agreement. At the conclusion or yielding back of the time, the Senate will proceed to a vote on passage of that bill.

Following that vote, it is the leader's intention to begin consideration of the Department of Defense authorization bill. Therefore, Members should expect votes throughout today's session with the first votes occurring at approximately 11:30 a.m. As a reminder to all Members, several time agreements were reached last night with respect to two high-tech bills, and those may be considered at some point this week.

Mr. President, may I inquire of the Parliamentarian if there is a time agreement for the consideration and debate of the motion to proceed to the missile defense bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWNBACK). The time is to be evenly divided until 11:30 on the motion to proceed, and then there will be a cloture vote.

Mr. COCHRAN. I assume that under that agreement this Senator is in charge of the time for the proponents of the bill and the distinguished Senator from Michigan, Mr. LEVIN, is in charge of the time for the opponents of the motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. COCHRAN. I thank the Chair.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

### AMERICAN MISSILE PROTECTION ACT OF 1998—MOTION TO PROCEED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1873, and the time until 11:30 a.m. will be equally divided.

The clerk will now report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 345 (S. 1873), a bill to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense system capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack.

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

Mr. COCHRAN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi is recognized.

### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the privilege of the floor be extended to Dr. Anne Vopatek, a fellow on my staff, during the consideration of S. 1873 and all relevant motions thereto.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, it should be noticed by those who are interested in the subject of missile defense that what we are actually debating and deciding this morning is whether or not the Senate should proceed to consider the bill that has been introduced by me and the distinguished Senator from Hawaii, Mr. INOUE.

This bill is not going to be voted on up or down today; what we will have a vote on at 11:30 is whether or not to proceed to consider the bill. When the majority leader decided to call up this legislation, there was an objection made to proceeding to consider the bill. So under the procedures of the Senate, the majority leader, who is in charge of making decisions about the schedule of the Senate and how we take up legislation in the Senate, was

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